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PATENT APPLICATION



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of:

TAKESHI YASUMOTO, ET AL.

Application No.: 09/978,213

Filed: October 17, 2001

For: DRIVING FORCE TRANSMIS-
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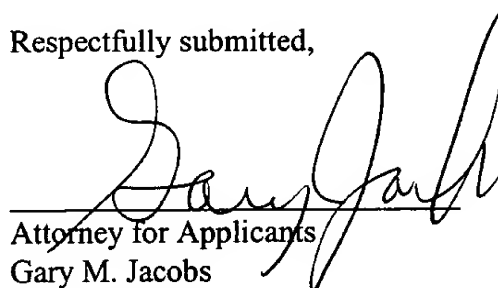
Sir:

In support of Applicants' claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119, enclosed are
certified copies of the following foreign applications:

2000-320945	Japan	October 20, 2000;
2000-333198	Japan	October 31, 2000; and
2000-342354	Japan	November 9, 2000.

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